

Tompkins County Youth Services Board
March 29, 2021 Minutes
Meeting via ZOOM.

Present: Patty Van de Bogart, Khaki Wunderlich, Ronny Hardaway, Tamer Elshourbagy, Marnie Kirchgessner, Ian Schachner, Lisa Monroe, Sara Watrous, Lisa Campbell

Excused: Glenn Morey

Absent: Magdalena Smith, Jennifer Foote-Dean,

Staff: Kate Shanks-Booth, Meghan Lyons

Guest: Pat Buechel (pending board approval)

Meeting called to order at 5:06 p.m.

Welcome & Introductions

N/A

Approval of Minutes

Due to a lack of quorum, the vote on the approval of the November/December, January, February minutes will be tabled to the April meeting.

Membership Approval

Due to a lack of quorum, again the Board was not able to officially approve the application of Pat Buechel to join the Board as an At-large member. This vote will be tabled until the April meeting.

Kate Shanks-Booth, Director's Report

- I didn't have anything in my notes here and I didn't see a recording of the meeting to do a write up...do you remember? Sorry!

Meghan Lyons, Update on Coordination of Community Youth Services

Meghan gave updates on her role with Department

- New position going well, difficult to build new relationships during Covid, been to each commission meeting apart from attending Danby's Meeting
- Municipalities are looking into summer programs and camps. CDC recommendations has camps at ½ capacity, so it is difficult to cover costs for extra staff and longer days
- Youth development programs via CCE, participant numbers are increasing
- Created Annual Reports and will present for each Commission
- Nick Wagner – has been hospitalized, please keep him in your thoughts
- JEDI – Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion: will start working with them in place of Kate

Board discussion

Due to lack of attendance, there was a discussion on changing bylaws to be able to vote via email. Discussion lead to the need to have all current members to attend meetings so that quorums may occur. Khaki mentioned that maybe the quorum should be changed on the bylaws to reflect a percentage of current membership versus number of seats on board.

Need for youth to be assessed regarding social, mental health, and physical needs during/post Covid. Could use Student Survey or create new Needs Assessment. Possible to connect with Harmony Ayers-Friedlander, Deputy Commissioner of Mental Health Services, to see if there is a Covid assessment available. CCHY is looking into changing of Student Survey to a more updated version of the Community That Cares Survey.

RHY update:

The Village at Ithaca submitted their application. Staff reviewed and asked for The Village to give some clarifications. Staff will regroup and meet again once application is reviewed again. Ian, Patty, and Khaki will work as the Resource Allocation Committee to review the application and will make recommendation to the Board at the April Meeting.

Meeting adjourned: 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Meghan Lyons